

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on September 27, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11, 13 and 15-41.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☒ None    of the:
  1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Reasons for Allowance*

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of claims 1-11, 13 and 15-41.

For independent claim 1, the prior art of record does not disclose or clearly suggest a carpenter's square comprising a blade, a snap locking angle adjustment device including a first contact element having a first alignment structure that rotates rigidly with the blade, a second contacting element, a spring that presses the first alignment structure axially against the complementary first alignment structure, and each of the contacting elements is a single unit formed by a moulding technique in combination with the remaining limitations of the claim.

Claims 2-6 and 15-25 are allowed due to their dependency on allowed claim 1.

For independent claim 7, the prior art of record does not disclose or clearly suggest a snap locking angle adjustable device comprising a first pivot member and a second pivot member, a third contacting element having a third alignment structure that rotates rigidly with the first pivot member, a fourth contacting element having a complementary third alignment structure that rotates rigidly with the second pivot member, the third alignment structure and the complementary third alignment structure align at certain angles between the pivot members, at which the spring force is reduced compared to at angles where they do not align.

Claims 8-11 are allowed due to their dependency on allowed claim 7.

For independent claim 13, the prior art of record does not disclose or clearly suggest a carpenter's square comprising a blade, a snap locking angle adjustment device including a first contact element having a first alignment structure that rotates rigidly with the blade, the first contacting element being positioned between the blade and the handle, a second contacting element, a spring that presses the first alignment structure axially against the complementary first

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alignment structure, and each of the contacting element is a single unit formed by a moulding technique in combination with the remaining limitations of the claim.

For independent claim 26, the prior art of record does not disclose or clearly suggest a carpenter's square comprising a blade, a snap locking angle adjustment device including a first molded contact element having a first alignment structure that rotates rigidly with the blade, a second molded contacting element and a spring to bias the first alignment structure axially against the complementary first alignment structure in combination with the remaining limitations of the claim.

Claims 27-37 are allowed due to their dependency on allowed claim 26.

For independent claim 38, the prior art of record does not disclose or clearly suggest a carpenter's square comprising a blade, a snap locking angle adjustment device including a first contact element having a first alignment structure that rotates rigidly with the blade, and a spring positioned between the blade and the handle, the spring pressing the first alignment structure axially against the complementary first alignment structure in combination with the remaining limitations of the claim.

Claims 39-41 are allowed due to their dependency on allowed claim 38.

### ***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to R. Alexander Smith whose telephone number is 571-272-2251. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:30-6:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego F. Gutierrez can be reached on 571-272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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